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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS):

NEWYORK JAZZ REPERTORY (NYJR)

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SUMMARY: P&C OFFICER (TAYLOR), WHO WILL BE EMBASSY ESCORT FOR ROSTOV, VISITED ROSTOV JUNE ELEVEN TO INSPECT PERFORMANCE SITE AND HOTEL. OFFICIALS OF PHILHARMONIC PRESENTED EMBOFF WITH FLOWERS ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, AND AUSPICIOUS GREETING MARKED BEGINNING OF SUCCESSFUL DAY-LONG STAY. END SUMMARY.

- 1. HOTEL IN ROSTOV WILL BE INTOURIST, CENTRALLY LOCATED ON MAIN STREET AND FIVE MINUTES BY BUS FROM SPORTS PALACE.
 HOTEL, APPARENTLY OF SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION,
 BUILT IN 1973 AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED LUXURY CLASS IN ALMOST ANY
 EUROPEAN COUNTRY. NO AIR-CONDITIONING EXCEPT IN PUBLIC ROOMS.
 ONE DELUXE SUITE AND TWENTY SINGLES, ALL WITH BATH,
 GUARANTEED. ROSTOV HOT, BUT LARGE WINDOWS PROVIDE
 SUITABLE VENTILATION.
- 2. PHILHARMONIC AND SPORTS PALACE REPS SAID ENTIRE CITY EXCITED ABOUT VISIT OF JAZZ GROUP AND MANY REQUESTS FOR TICKETS ALREADY RECEIVED. CONCERTS WILL BE SOLD OUT WITHOUT QUESTION, THEY SAID. TICKETS, RANGING IN PRICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM TWO TO FIVE RUBLES, GO ON SALE THE FIFTEENTH.

ALTHOUGH NO POSTERS WERE VISIBLE, ROSTOV OFFICIALS ASSERTED TWO DIFFERENT TYPES WOULD SOON BE ON DISPLAY.

- 3. EVENING MEALS WILL BE ARRANGED IN HOTEL FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE. EMBOFF ASKED TO HELP WITH MENU SUGGESTIONS.
- 4. IN MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF SPORTS PALACE EMBOFF CLARIFIED FOLLOWING POINTS:
- (A) NINE MICROPHONES WILL BE AVAILABLE ACCORDING TO STAGE PLAN LEFT BY JONES. PLATFORMS WILL BE BUILT ACCORDINGLY. FYI SPORTS PALACE OFFICIALS LAMENTED FACT MICROPHONES WERE SOVIET AND REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT GROUP SHOULD BRING OWN MICROPHONES. END FYI.
- (B) AT LEAST TWO, MAXIMUM FOUR, MONITOR SPEAKERS CAN BE PLACED ON STAGE SO MUSICIANS CAN HEAR SOUND.
- (C) SOME, BUT NOT ALL, SPEAKERS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HALL CAN BE TURNED OFF IF NECESSARY.
- (D) YELLOW AND WHITE BACKDROP ARRANGED SIMILARLY TO ONE IN NOVOSIBIRSK WHICH GOSKONTSERT REP ACCOMPANYING EMBOFF SAID ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO JONES.
- (E) SEVERAL 220-VOLT LINES AVAILABLE ON STAGE.
- (F) AUIDENCE WILL BE SEATED AS CLOSE TO STAGE AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT OBSTRUCTING VIEW.
- (G) FOUR LARGE DRESSING ROOMS, ALL WITH SHOWERS AND MAKE-UP LIGHTS, AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, BACKSTAGE BUFFET FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF GROUP DURING SHOW AND INTERMISSION.
- (H) FOUR SPOTLIGHTS (POSSIBLY MORE) AVAILABLE IN ALL COLORS. COLORED STAGE LIGHTS AS WELL.
- (I) NO AIR-CONDITIONING IN HALL, BUT VENTILATING SYSTEM WILL BE ON DURING INTERMISSION AND BETWEEN PERFORMANCES. WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ON DURING PERFORMANCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- (J) REHEARSAL ARRANGED FOR TEN AM MORNING THE TWENTY-EIGHTH. PERFORMANCE TIMES 1:00 FOR MATINEES AND 8:00 FOR EVENINGS.
- (K) SPORTS PALACE BUILT IN 1967.

COMMENT: GIVEN ENTHUSIASM ROSTOV OFFICIALS AND GIVEN THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH ELLINGTON AND THAD JONES AND MEL LEWIS,

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